

## Carol Ebert Perry, 69



Carol Ebert Perry died on Dec. 26, 2016, a victim of metastatic breast cancer, a disease she had fought bravely for the past 15 years. She was 69 years old.

Carol was born in New York City on Aug. 19, 1947, the first daughter of John and Katherine Ebert. Her father was an electrical engineer, her mother a mathematician. Carol graduated from Bethesda High School in Maryland in June 1965. Three months later, she moved East to become a member of the freshman class of 1969 at Wellesley College. A year later Carol's parents moved to Wellesley Hills when her father was appointed vice president of a Waltham electronics firm. In January of her junior year, Carol was introduced to Ed Perry, a technical writer from Natick, by their mutual friend

Cathy Kostick of Sherborn. Their first date was on Groundhog's Day for dinner and then to watch planes take off and land at Logan Airport. Carol and Eddie's relationship would last for 48 years. Carol majored in economics at Wellesley College and after graduation in 1969 spent an academic year at the University of Michigan where she earned her master's degree in economics.

Carol's first job after college was with Shawmut Bank of Boston researching the economic viability of potential branch bank sites. Ed had retired from technical writing to build and operate his first radio station, WCIB-FM in Falmouth. Most of their dates were restaurant dinners on the Cape where Ed would try to sell the owners radio advertising while Carol studied the economics of the business to determine how much each restaurant could reasonably afford to spend. Carol left Shawmut Bank in 1972 to take a position as an economist for Blue Cross in Boston, a job she loved and held for the next 22 years. Carol and Ed married in September 1973. In March, 1974, the Perrys bought their home in Duxbury and began building a new FM radio station, WATD-FM in Marshfield, which began broadcasting in 1977.

Carol left Blue Cross in 1994 to work full time at the station while raising three children: Franklin, born in 1979; Katherine, born in 1981; and William, born in 1988. Carol loved spending summers on Martha's Vineyard, creating artwork, train trips across the country, collecting books and jewelry at summer yard sales, her family and many good friends.

She is survived by her children; her husband Ed; her mother Katherine Ebert of Duxbury; her sister Ellen Jeydel of Westfield, NJ; and her best friend, Karin Dumbaugh of Boston.

A celebration of Carol's life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 1-5 p.m. in the Daniel Webster Room of the Marshfield Tavern, 1 Proprietors Dr., Marshfield. Donations in Carol's honor can be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute or via [myjimmyfundpage.org/give/carolperry](http://myjimmyfundpage.org/give/carolperry) or to the Featherstone Center for the Arts in Oak Bluffs.